

# cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

APRIL 2019



## SPRING'S PERFECT FESTIVAL

### Spotlight on the Arts

**M**egan DuBois, the city's cultural arts manager, has a challenge for residents who may not be familiar with the region's premier arts celebration, the three-week-long Spotlight on the Arts (April 26-May 12): "Take in just one of 50 performances, and I promise you'll be hooked," she says. "You'll want to see more — a lot more." Expect music, dance, theater and art at venues around town, including George Mason University.

There's certainly a lot to see during this year's fest, which, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, takes on a

decidedly retro theme: three weeks of peace and arts in a so-called "aquarium exposition." It's all tongue in cheek, of course, but DuBois says attendees who love the artistic vibe of 1969 will come away impressed with this year's lineup. Some of the highlights include:

**City of Fairfax Theatre Company: "The (Curious Case of the) Watson Intelligence," May 3-5 and May 9-11, Old Town Hall**

Time moves quickly as playwright Madeline George takes us up close and personal with the line between assistance and dependence on electronics.

**FX Players: "Good News," April 26-28 and May 2-4, Fairfax High Auditorium**

The roaring '20s are in full swing on the campus of Tait College, and the cheerful young sheiks and flappers are flirting on the quad. This musical comedy of football and romance is sure to be a touchdown!

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## City Survey

### FAVORITE SPRINGTIME CITY EVENT?

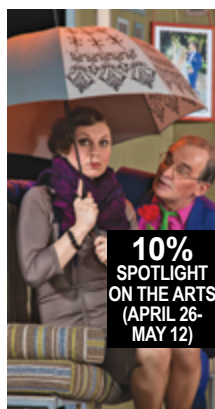
Via a recent social-media survey, we asked people to name the event they can't wait to attend. (Hint: They're all pretty wonderful. See [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) for more info.)



**60%**  
ROCK THE  
BLOCK  
(BEGINS  
MAY 24)



**18%**  
BEER IN  
THE BURBS  
(JUNE 1)



**10%**  
SPOTLIGHT  
ON THE ARTS  
(APRIL 26-  
MAY 12)



**8%**  
22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
ANTIQUE  
CAR SHOW  
(MAY 18)



**4%**  
FAIRFAX  
HISTORY DAY  
(APRIL 27)

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# CITY NEWS

## Budget Review Continues

Join the mayor and city council in the discussion of the city's proposed annual budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent — and where fees and tax rates, including personal property and real estate, are set. Read it yourself: Download at [fairfaxva.gov/budget](http://fairfaxva.gov/budget). Then share your input with the City Council via [Connect2FairfaxCity.com](http://Connect2FairfaxCity.com), or at an upcoming meeting:

**April 2:** Work session

**April 9:** Introduction of rates for commercial and industrial property tax, wastewater

**April 23:** Real estate tax rate public hearing; work session

**May 8:** Public hearing; budget adoption

*Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12; schedule is subject to change, 703.385.7870*

## Curbside Leaf Collection Provided, Tuesdays in April

Vacuum trucks collect loose leaves raked to the curb in residential neighborhoods that receive refuse and recycling collection services from the city. Please rake leaves to the curb by 7 am on collection days: April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Bagged leaves are not collected in April. 703.385.7995

## Fishing Derby, April 6

Bring your own fishing gear to catch trout at the well-stocked Ashby Pond Conservatory. Bait is provided. *Pre-register at [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Parks and Recreation" and "Special Events"); \$5 per person, all ages, limit six per household, 9817 Asby Road, 703.385.7858*

## Tax, Rent Relief Applications, April 15

The city provides real estate tax and rent relief for qualified senior citizens and residents with permanent and total disabilities. Additionally, Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans or their surviving spouses. *Applications are due April 15, 703.359.2486*

## Heads Up, Helmets On in Fairfax City

Not only is it a great safety tip, it's the law: Bicyclists and passengers age 14 and younger in Fairfax City must wear protective helmets. The police department can help, with bicycle helmets purchased for children in need. 703.385.7924

## Animal Adoptions, April 20

Find a new animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter.

The office holds animal adoption events on the third Saturday of the month. Visit

[fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) to see which pets are currently up for adoption. On the home page, click How Do I, and choose "Adopt a Pet." *Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Hwy., 11 am-2 pm*

## Interest-Free Loans Available for Home Improvements

Thanks to the City of Fairfax and the non-profit City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation, in conjunction with Main Street Bank, qualified homeowners can borrow up to \$250,000 with no interest for two years paid by the borrower. It's a two-year loan program. The two-year loans are available for an owner-occupied single family detached house, townhouse, duplex or condominium. Visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "Renaissance Housing," or call 703.385.2494

## Drug Takeback Day, April 27

Bring unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs to the City of Fairfax Police Department. Pills, ointments and liquids in sealed containers are accepted. (No needles or syringes.) Dropoff is anonymous; no identification or prescription information is required. *City of Fairfax Police Station, 3730 Old Lee Hwy., 10 am-2 pm, 703.385.7829*

## Contractors Must Dispose of Their Debris

Contractors are responsible for disposing of their work-related debris. Residential property owner do-it-yourself projects are limited to repairs and improvements initiated and completed by the property owner or household residents. Projects cease to be do-it-yourself when they require labor and resources from additional, non-residential assistants (paid or unpaid). In these cases, the work becomes contracted work, and the city will not collect that debris from the curb. 703.385.7810



Fairfax Trolley, circa 1930

Service to Fairfax City on the Arlington and Fairfax Railway began in 1904 and ran until the late 1930s, according to Elaine McRey, a librarian in the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Its terminus was the Fairfax County Courthouse, where there was a hotel and station. Trains ran down Main Street and rolled onto the current Railroad Avenue; stops included Vienna, Dunn Loring and Clarendon. Travel time to Arlington: one hour. Explore more local history, including incredible pictures: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (10209 Main St.) and Virginia Room (10360 North St.).



# For City Police, Valor Makes a Statement Every Day

## OFFICER

Vann Sayasithsena

## CAREER

Law-enforcement career began with Arlington County Sheriff's Department, 1998

## YEARS WITH CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

16

## YEARS WITH THE CITY'S K-9 UNIT

13

## REACH OUT

Vann and Valor will give demos to youth and civic groups upon request, 703.385.7924



Every moment of his life, Valor is on a mission. As the anchor of the police department's K-9 unit, the 5-year-old German shepherd is trained to detect eight different narcotic odors, including cocaine and Ecstasy (MDMA). He also works with the police department's Emergency

Services (SWAT) team and wears an armored vest when he's with the team.

"Valor can clear a large building or apprehend a suspect who may be fleeing or barricading himself to evade arrest," says officer Vann Sayasithsena, Valor's chief handler with the City of Fairfax Police. Sayasithsena also notes Valor has assisted other agencies in the

region, including Fairfax County Police, Virginia State Police, Fairfax County Sheriff's Department, Vienna Police and GMU Police.

Sayasithsena says he marvels at the dog's discipline, the result of 16 weeks of basic police training and retraining every two weeks to keep up on certification standards. When not on duty, Valor lives with Sayasithsena and his family. "He has lots of energy, so he loves to play ball or just follow me around the yard as I'm doing chores," says Sayasithsena. "The bond between the handler and K-9 is enduring and special in many ways. I know I can send him on a mission, and he'll address it without fear or hesitation. And the best part: I know he'll never talk back or argue with me about anything! He would rather please me by completing the task."

Lesley Abashian recently joined the city after spending 10 years with Loudoun County as the Children's Services Act administrator. She focused on providing treatment services and support to families with complex behavioral-health needs. The Tennessee native is a licensed clinical social worker with more than 35 years of professional experience working in a variety of behavioral-health settings.

**What's the big picture of your role?** I coordinate and monitor participation in the wide range of human-service programs available to city residents — primarily through contracts with Fairfax County and other regional agencies.

**What should residents know about Human Services?** Through the city's contracts with Fairfax County, our residents have access to county services, including mental-health and substance-abuse services, resources supporting self-sufficiency, employment services, support for older citizens, child-care assistance and health-care services for eligible families.

**What do you love about working here?** I love the small-town atmosphere, and my role affords me the opportunity to connect with the citizens I serve. I immediately felt welcomed and feel privileged to serve this community. Feel free to stop by City Hall if you have a question — or to simply to say hello!

## 5 MINUTES WITH ...

## LESLEY ABASHIAN

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR



## DID YOU KNOW?

Human Services Director Lesley Abashian says the city offers a range of services to residents, including:

**EMERGENCY MENTAL-HEALTH EVALUATIONS.** Available for children and adults available 24/7, provided by the Community Services Board. Call 703.573.5679, come directly to the Merrifield Center (8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Dr.), or, for immediate life-threatening situations, call 911.

**CHILD-CARE ASSISTANCE AND REFERRAL.** Financial assistance for families with low to moderate incomes. Families can also receive information about county child-care programs and get support choosing a child-care provider. Visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc), or call 703.449.8484.

**AGING, DISABILITY AND CAREGIVER RESOURCE LINE.** Open Monday-Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, city residents can receive info about county services, transportation, volunteer solutions and recreation-and-wellness programs. Call 703.324.7948.

## BY THE NUMBERS

# Fairfax History Day

On Saturday, April 27, the interactive and always-engaging Family History Day takes over Historic Blenheim. This family-friendly event includes cow-milking demos, pony rides, colonial-era games, living-history artisans, music and Victorian dance. This event is produced by the City of Fairfax Office of Historic Resources and Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Tickets are \$5, adults; \$3, kids 3-12; free, kids 2 and under. There's a free shuttle bus from Fairfax High School. *Details: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), search "Fairfax History Day"*

# 25

Number of living-history groups spanning 19th-century life — including soldiers, nurses and interpreters of slave life and slave foodways

# 100+

Historical artifacts, including photos and rare documents from Blenheim, the Fairfax County Circuit Court Archives and George Mason University Special Collections

# 175

Bales of hay for the children's hay-making pyramid (perfect for climbing)

# 9

Number of 19th-century kids' games offered

# 1

Cursive-writing workshop for kids (who, naturally, think it's an encrypted language)

## PROTECT OUR PARKS



We pride ourselves on our award-winning parks, and while the Parks and Recreation staff is out in force daily, it can't be everywhere at once. "Our team often relies on residents to be the eyes and ears of the city when it comes to the maintenance and safekeeping of our parks," says Cathy Salgado, the parks and recreation director. "We need folks to let us know when things need repair or if there's a safety issue that needs to be addressed. These messages to us become a valuable asset to keep our parks and resources in exceptional shape."



Here's how residents can help the Parks and Recreation staff keep our facilities, trails and fields safe and clean year-round:

- **FALLEN TREES OR BRANCHES.** These can block trails or paths and dramatically impede access; often, our Parks team typically only know about fallen trees or branches if residents call.
- **DAMAGE TO PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT.** City families love our playgrounds, but if some equipment is malfunctioning or in need of repair, please let us know.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PARKS.** Are some parks being used in ways that aren't their intended purpose?

Do you see motorized vehicles driven in parks? Or maybe fields or courts are being damaged from misuse?

- **LIGHTING ISSUES.** Are the lights staying on all night on our tennis courts, or perhaps they're not coming on at all?
- **OVERNIGHT PARKING.** Are cars parked overnight in our parks, especially Draper Drive, Green Acres and Kutner Parks? (Hint: it's not allowed.)

"We truly appreciate every heads-up we receive from citizens," says Salgado. "Working with our community, we continue to provide the best recreational options possible." *To report issues, call 703.385.7858*



# 5 Ways to Keep Fairfax Green

April means warmer weather, of course, but it's also a time when we collectively look around at all of the budding flora and lush tree canopies, and think, "Oh yeah, we live in a gorgeous little city — how do we keep it that way?" Stefanie Kupka, the city's sustainability coordinator, says the month ahead offers plenty of opportunities for residents and community groups to help keep the city green.



**WHAT** Arbor Day Celebration; we plant a tree to celebrate, and attendees will each receive a free sapling to plant at home.

**WHEN** Wednesday, April 24, 11 am-Noon

**WHERE** Lanier Middle School (3801 Jermantown Road)

HANG OUT AT THE CITY'S  
**Earth DAY BASH**

**WHAT** Set amid the Daniels Run trail and fields, you'll learn about recycling and composting, and families can make crafts, play games, clean up the trail and plant trees.

**WHEN** Sunday, April 28, 2:30-5pm

**WHERE** Daniels Run Elementary School (3723 Old Lee Hwy.)

**WHAT'S FREE** Snag free compost caddies and native tree saplings. We'll also provide instructions on how to plant and care for your tree.

## Clean Parks, Streambeds, Roadsides and Historic Properties

**WHAT** Spring Cleanup Day. This is your chance to lend a hand across the city. Choose a spot and register your group by reaching out to heather.turley@fairfaxva.gov, or call 703.385.7995. The city will provide gloves, vests, picker tools and trash bags. All debris will be picked up by the city.

**WHEN** April 27



**WHAT** Going solar is easy, affordable and smart. Get a free solar assessment and learn about upcoming community workshops. Currently, there's a 30 percent federal tax credit for going solar, making this energy alternative an even better investment.

**WHEN** Solarize Fairfax City, April 16-June 14

**WHERE** solarizenova.org

## GET A NEIGHBORHOOD APPEARANCE GRANT

**WHAT** The City of Fairfax Community Appearance Committee offers matching grants of up to \$1,000 for community and neighborhood associations within the city. Grants will be awarded to community groups and neighborhood associations to make appearance improvements within their communities — including sustainable landscaping and

planting trees. (Improvements should be permanent and not seasonal.)

**WHEN** Applications due April 19

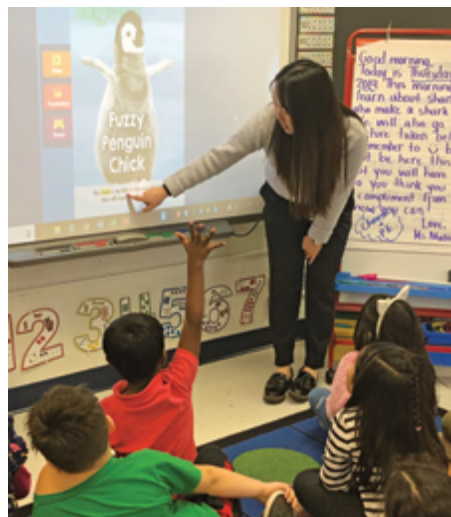
**WHERE** Submit proposals via email to heather.turley@fairfaxva.gov (subject line: CAC, Neighborhood Appearance Grant Program), or call 703.385.7995

# The Mason Teaching Pipeline



**LEFT:** George Mason graduate teaching interns at Daniels Run this year (left to right) Olive Hang, Brenna Sharp, Jessica DiBeneditto, Katie Piermatteo, and Caitlyn McMurry.

**RIGHT:** Mason interns work with students at Providence Elementary



**WHEN CHRIS SMITH LOOKS AROUND** Daniels Run Elementary School, the new principal sees a school with great kids, faculty and some extra help in the classroom: graduate teaching interns from George Mason University. Both Smith and Dan Phillips, the principal at Providence Elementary, say having these grad students in their classrooms are a benefit to learning — and the future of their respective schools.

This year, Daniels Run has five Mason students in its classrooms, and Providence has a similar number. “They’re with us for

one full year, from the first day of class to the last,” says Smith. And they aren’t simply observing; they roll up their sleeves and teach, working side-by-side with an experienced teacher on everything from math to reading, which further boosts a student’s learning experience and the student-teacher ratio.

The Mason teachers, who are finishing up their master’s in education, are typically assigned two grade levels and tackle one for each semester. “So, they get to work with two different teachers,” says Smith. “They begin by observing and then gradually take

over the classroom instruction and leadership. Mason does an incredible job training their teachers, and it builds leadership skills for our current teachers.”

Smith also notes that the program has recently served as an unofficial pipeline to landing bright superstar faculty. “We currently have six new full-time teachers who were in this program last year, and four of those six were student-teachers right here at Daniels Run. We love working with Mason, not only for its proximity, but also because of the strength of the people we get.”

## FORCES OF NATURE

For Lanier Middle School teacher Faiza Alam, there’s no limit to what her students can achieve this year — or any year in the future. In fact, the National Wildlife Federation just awarded Lanier its Green Flag award, the first the organization has awarded to any school in the country. “Lanier’s environmental projects are all student-led and implemented on school grounds,” says Alam. The school and its staff don’t simply give lip service to environmental programs; they’re a permanent part of the curriculum and include:

- Outdoor living classroom with various ecosystems, where students are able to connect content learned to an outdoor setting
- Environmental stewardship and watershed projects
- Student-led programs in recycling, bio-retention, lighting surveys and reduction of plastics
- First hybrid windmill (with solar panel) installed on school grounds, leading to experimentation wind turbines

“Lanier’s environmental education program has changed the daily habits of students,” says Alam. “Roughly 25 percent of Lanier students pursue AP science courses when they reach high school, and many of these students continue to focus on science curriculum when they attend college.” For more info, visit [cityoffairfaxschools.org](http://cityoffairfaxschools.org)

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### Fairfax Saxophone Quartet, All-Gershwin Concert, May 7, Old Town Hall

As a breathtaking tribute to one of the greatest American composers of the 20th century, the quartet’s performance will include classics such as “An American in Paris (Theme),” “Lullaby” and “Rhapsody in Blue.”

### Cultural Discussion: “Woodstock and the Protest Music of the 1960s,” May 8, Old Town Hall

Presented by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University, this fascinating night will reveal that Woodstock was much more than sex, drugs and rock and roll. Learn about two iconic performances that represented the bigger picture of protest music related to the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement. For more info, including schedules, visit [fairfaxspotlight.org](http://fairfaxspotlight.org)



# community Calendar

## APRIL 2019

Visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) for late-breaking news and event information.

### HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703.385.7850  
 Arts and Cultural Events 703.352.ARTS  
 City of Fairfax Regional Library 703.293.6227  
 Civil War Interpretive Center 703.591.0560  
 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703.385.8414  
 George Mason University Events 703.993.1000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Watch live and taped proceedings of City Council meetings or read reports of meetings by visiting <a href="http://fairfaxva.gov">fairfaxva.gov</a> and clicking this icon on the home page.	<b>1</b> School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>2</b> Curbside leaf collection — rake leaves to the curb by 7 am City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC]	<b>3</b> Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm (location to be announced) Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim	<b>4</b> City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>5</b> Spring Used Book Sale, City of Fairfax Regional Library ArtScreen: The Buddy Holly Story, 7 pm, Sherwood Center BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	<b>6</b> Spring Used Book Sale, City of Fairfax Regional Library Fishing Derby, 9:30 am, Ashby Pond Conservatory
<b>7</b> Spring Used Book Sale, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>8</b> Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>9</b> Curbside leaf collection — rake leaves to the curb by 7 am City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC]	<b>10</b> Historic Fairfax City, Inc., annual meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim League of Women Voters meeting, 7:15 pm, Green Acres Center	<b>11</b> Art & Lunch with the Fairfax Art League, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall	<b>12</b> BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3* Old Town Hall Performance Series 8 pm, Sherwood Center	<b>13</b> Document Shredding Event, 7 am, Rolling Valley Park & Ride, 9220 Old Keane Mill Road
<b>14</b> Fairfax County's Original Weights and Measures, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center	<b>15</b> Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	<b>16</b> Curbside leaf collection — rake leaves to the curb by 7 am Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women, 7 pm, City Hall	<b>17</b> Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth meeting, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	<b>18</b> Friday Morning Music Club, noon, Old Town Hall City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Firehouse #3 EGG-Streme Teen Egg Hunt, 8 pm, Historic Blenheim	<b>19</b> Sherwood Family Movie Night, 7 pm, Sherwood Center BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	<b>20</b> Animal Adoption Event, 11 am to 2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	<b>23</b> Curbside leaf collection — rake leaves to the curb by 7 am City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC]	<b>24</b> An Evening with Dr. Ed Maibach, 7 pm, Old Town Hall National Wildlife Federation/Lanier Middle School celebration and Arbor Day tree-planting, Lanier Middle School	<b>25</b> Community Appearance Committee, 7 pm, City Hall An Evening with Angie Thomas, Author of The Hate U Give, 7:30 pm, Sherwood Center	<b>26</b>  <b>MASON DAY</b> Absentee voting begins for June Primary Election	<b>27</b> <b>SPRING CLEANUP DAY</b> Document Shredding Event, 7-11 am, South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway
<b>28</b> Earth Day Event, 2:30-5 pm, Lanier Middle School Main Street Band, 4 pm, Sherwood Center FX Players: Good News, 3 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>29</b> Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	<b>30</b> Curbside leaf collection — rake leaves to the curb by 7 am	 For a full Cityscreen-12 schedule, visit <a href="http://fairfaxva.gov">fairfaxva.gov</a> and click on "Services"		<b>26</b>  April 26 – May 12 BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3* FX Players: Good News, 7 pm, Fairfax High School	<b>FAIRFAX HISTORY DAY</b> FX Players: Good News, 7 pm, Fairfax High School

\*Bingo benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department  
 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

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## WHY WE VOLUNTEER

### MARK CHANDLER AND STACEY HARDY-CHANDLER

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (MARK)  
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (STACEY)

Years in Fairfax City: 5

**Why he volunteers:** Volunteering is the easiest way to use my 30 years of experience in environmental-resources management to improve my community.

**Why she volunteers:** For me, the status of girls and women tells a lot about the well-being of a community. Elevating the status of girls and women — of all backgrounds — benefits everyone.

**Mark, you're on the tree subcommittee — tell us about it:** We provide advice to the city council and developers to help maintain a sustainable environment. This year, we're working on the next level of the Tree City USA program, the Growth Awards, which shows how the city is committed to improving its urban forestry through steps we take in everything from education to tree-planting.

#### Want to volunteer for a board or commission?

There are currently positions open for the following boards or commissions: EDA (one vacancy for city resident); Board of Equalization (one vacancy for a real estate, financial or legal professional); Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for a non-resident); Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy for a city resident); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident); Human Services Committee (one vacancy for a city resident); Fairfax Area Disability Services Board (one vacancy for a city resident). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year; they must also be a registered voter at their current address. To apply, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), click on "Residents" and navigate to "Volunteer Opportunities," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline, April 12

# April

## CULTURAL CALENDAR

### HFCl Annual Meeting, April 10

Find out how Fairfax faced the First World War. Susan Inskeep Gray will talk about the life of Fairfax's own Kitty Pozer, and Page Johnson will speak on WWI soldiers from Fairfax County. Free. Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy, 7-8:30 pm, 703.385.8414

### Old Town Hall Concert Series, April 12

The Old Town Hall Performance Series concludes April 12 with the free performance of "An Evening of Classical Sounds" by Washington Chamber Orchestra. Free. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy., 8 pm, 703.352.ARTS

### Fairfax County's Original Weights and Measures, April 14

See one of the oldest and most complete sets of weights and measures on display at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, then learn about their use and history in a free talk by Gretchen Bulova, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. Free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 2 pm. 703.385.8414

### Sherwood Family Movie Night, April 19

Spend your family date night with Christopher Robin. Bring your own snacks, and the Fairfax nonprofit Britepaths will accept food donations during the event (check with Sherwood Center staff for a list of acceptable items). Free. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy., 7 pm, 703.385.7858

### Tour the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, Saturdays

Take a free guided tour of the oldest residence in the city, the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, open Saturdays through October. Free. 10386 Main Street, 11 am-2 pm, 703.385.8414

### Storytime in the Park Returns, Tuesdays

Kids, ages 2-5, will love this event in Old Town Square in April and May. The event is provided by the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Free. Old Town Square, 10415 North St., 10:30 am, 703.293.6227